MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

TEN YEARS OF

THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN STORY

1953 - 1963

AN INTRODUCTION BY OUR SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

Progress is not made by waiting for it, nor are schools improved by placid good intentions. Those who want the best possible schools for their children must be willing to work for them. With understanding and appreciation of this principle the people of the Governor Mifflin area have diligently worked in the interest of their children and their schools during the past decade. Through determination and a positive attitude they have created a climate favorable to progress.

It is true there have been difficult problems and sometimes seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Yet all these have yielded to the dedicated efforts of board members, administrators, teachers and citizens. The Governor Mifflin story is a real success story deserving of commemoration. With this in mind the Governor Mifflin School Board has authorized the publication of this brochure. It is hoped that this review will create a better understanding and appreciation for the great forward educational strides that have been made. Furthermore, it is believed that this recall of the past will aid in rededication of efforts to press forward with zeal to the perplexing problems of the decade ahead.

As you examine this brochure, you will find attention focused on our accomplishments in five major areas, namely, the curriculum (blue), the staff and special services (yellow), the building program (orange), the enrollment (red) and public relations (green). Included are some interesting statistics and a look ahead to some problems and tasks with which we must deal in the future. Your thoughtful consideration of the content of this booklet should prove helpful as you play your important role in helping to guide our progress steadily forward.

H. L. Hendricks

THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN STORY . .

GOOD SCHOOLS

DON'T HAPPEN BY CHANCE

In the fall of 1952 each school district now comprising the Governor Mifflin School System was operating its own schools. Each had pressing problems, and those who were acquainted with these problems were apprehensive and concerned about the future.

Brecknock had 146 pupils organized into eight grades which were housed in four antiquated one-room school buildings. All students wanting to continue their education beyond eighth grade had to be sent to some high school on a tuition basis. Brecknock needed a modern elementary school building and a voice in the operation of the high school program for its pupils.

Cumru's five elementary buildings were filled beyond capacity (976 pupils) and all high school pupils were sent out of the district on a tuition basis. Again the directors had no voice in the educational program of the high school age children. There was an urgent need for relief from overcrowded buildings, establishment of kindergartens, and provision for a high school program.

OFFICIAL SIGNING OF GOVERNOR MIFFLIN JOINT SCHOOL CONTRACT APRIL 23, 1953

Seated: Mrs. Iva Hacker, Harry O. Ludwig, Viola M. Stout, Don C. Van Liew, Alfred H. Noll.
Standing: George A. Geist, Martin Eby, C. M. Fichthorn, H.J. Bigony.

Mohnton needed improved and expanded facilities for its elementary children. On the high school level the need for a modern comprehensive program to provide for the needs and interests of its pupils was evident.

Shillington enrolled 661 pupils, half of them tuition pupils, in its junior - senior high school. The withdrawal of these tuition pupils would mean the serious curtailment of curricular offerings, reduction of staff, and elimination of certain services and extra-curricular activities. In addition the elementary school was becoming over-crowded.

Cumru and Shillington school directors agreed to the creation of a combined school system to be known as the Governor Mifflin Joint Schools, named in honor of Pennsylvania's first governor, Thomas E. Mifflin.

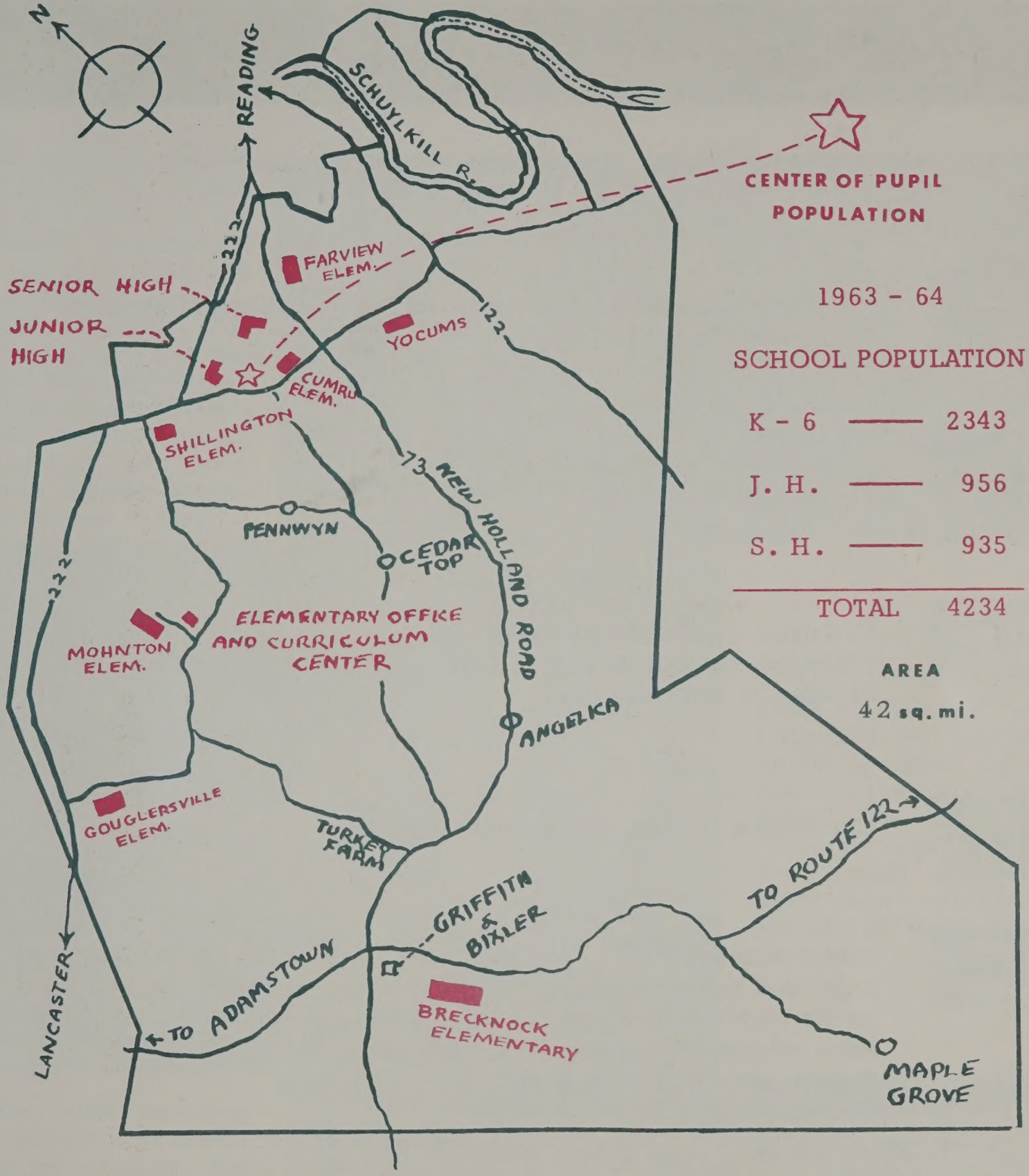
On February 24, 1953, the Pennsylvania Economy League recommended the formation of a single administrative school unit for the purpose of improving and operating the educational program for the entire area. Brecknock and Mohnton indicated a desire to join with Cumru and Shillington and the agreement was signed on April 23, 1953.

Immediately plans were formulated to use to best advantage existing facilities and materials. There were many problems and conflicts. Much give and take was required of all. Through wise and sound cooperative action the citizens of these four districts joined hands to operate their schools.

Progress in educational advancement has been tremendous. Major accomplishments include: organization for a better educational program; advancement of educational services and curriculum; encouragement of teachers to grow professionally and improvement of teaching conditions; provision of necessary space to teach and tools to do the job.

The report of the 1959 evaluation by the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools indicates "that the school administration is committed to an excellent program and is anxious to secure the personnel and provide the funds to do the job. It is evident that there have been great strides forward during the past several years, and one feels a sense of confidence in the future excellence of this organization and the attempts being made to achieve a high type educational program." The committee commended the people of this community, the school board, administrators and staff for the excellent job of providing for the needs of youth and the community in general.

THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL AREA



1963 - 64

SCHOOL POPULATION

K - 6	——	2343
J. H.	——	956
S. H.	——	935
TOTAL		4234

AREA

42 sq. mi.

BASIC ORGANIZATION----- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE ORGANIZED ON A COMPLETE SCHOOL BASIS, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX. THESE BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED AS CLOSE TO THE HOME OF THE CHILD AS POSSIBLE. ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES SEVEN, EIGHT AND NINE ARE HOUSED IN THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDES FACILITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE.

CURRICULUM

To meet the constantly changing needs of our expanding student population, the following courses have been added to the curriculum:

1953

Kindergartens established for all children of kindergarten age
Wood shop in grade 7

1954

Vocational agriculture
Spanish in senior high

1955

Full-time geography in junior high
Full-time science in junior high
Economics in senior high

1956

Curriculum booklets published

1957

Senior science
Expanded music program in orchestration, harmony, etc.
Junior high art, and senior high art expanded
Adult education and recreation programs
Graphic arts in senior high

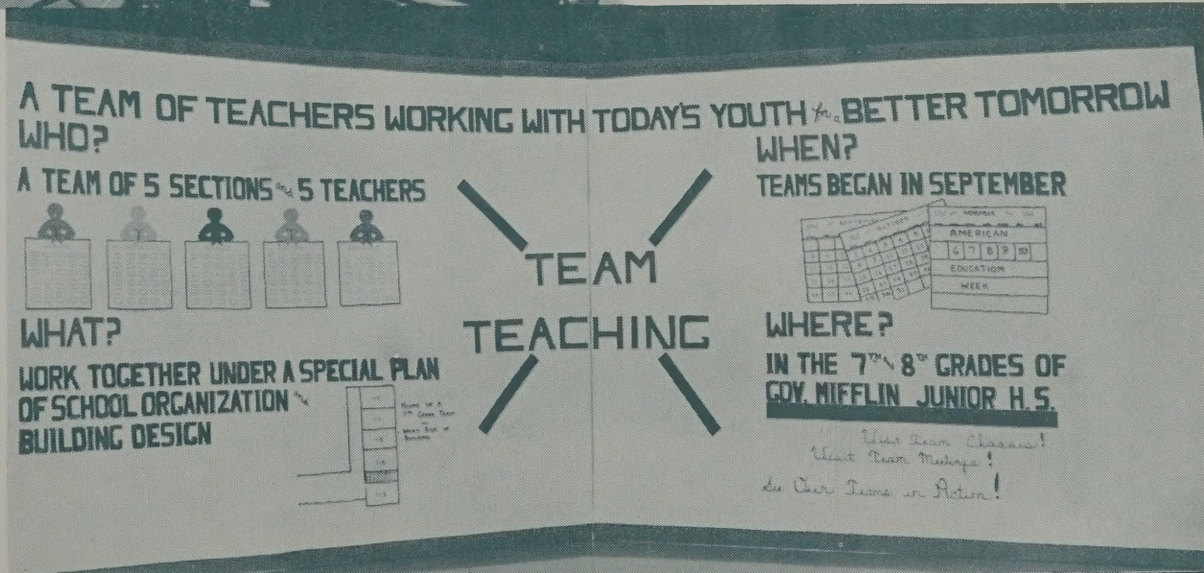
1958

Senior mathematics
Geography in senior high
Advanced mathematics in senior high
Advanced biology in senior high

The Summer School Program has proved a real asset to our total educational program, providing remedial and enrichment courses for pupils from our own and the neighboring school systems. Outdoor experiences are popular, as these four young scientists can attest.

A great stimulus to the study of modern foreign languages is provided by the language laboratory in the senior high school. The exploratory language offerings in the junior high also contribute to the expansion of the language program.

The team teaching approach provides an opportunity for teachers to plan cooperatively the entire program for the pupils they instruct. In this plan the teachers become very well acquainted with each pupil's needs.



Providing the opportunity for all children of the area to attend kindergarten was one of the first developments in the curricular program undertaken by the jointure.

1959

Algebra in grade 8
Summer school enrichment and remedial programs
Summer library service
Third and fourth year Latin and Spanish

1960

Conversational German in grades 7 and 8
Senior high evaluated and accredited by MASA
World cultures
Language laboratory in senior high

1961

Industrial arts in junior high expanded
- Wood shop in grade 7
- Graphic arts in grade 8
- Metal shop in grade 9

Team teaching in junior high
General language and modern language in junior high, including Spanish, German, French
Notehand in senior high
Electronics in senior high
Economics expanded in senior high
Home economics in junior high expanded
Advanced physical sciences

1962

Summer school drama workshop

1963

Additional teachers employed to reduce class size and teacher load
New math introduced at all levels
New biology - Green Version
New chemistry - Chemical Bond Approach

STAFF AND SPECIAL SERVICES

The increasing student population and expanding curriculum necessitated the addition of a number of staff members especially qualified to perform special services for the children's welfare:

1953

Reorganization of nursing service
Full-time reading consultant on elementary level
Full-time guidance counselor for senior high school
Home-bound Instruction for physically handicapped

1954

Food service director
Reading consultant on junior high level

1956

Health rooms adequately equipped
Administrative assistant

The educational program has been strengthened considerably with the appointment of an assistant principal, Mr. Calvin A. Bossler, a full-time guidance counselor, Miss Leone Strumpf, for the junior high; and Mr. Keith Lebo, curriculum coordinator for the entire system.

Special classes for pupils requiring individualized or special help operate at both the elementary and secondary levels. Shown here is John Krick receiving a floating arm magnifier from the Reverend Thomas W. Rhoads, representing the Shillington Lions Club.

1957

Full-time guidance counselor for junior high school
Special classes for slow learners, primary, intermediate, and junior high
Assistant elementary principal
Speech therapist service
Staff leaders (department heads and building heads)

1958

Secretaries for all elementary centers

1960

Language arts consultant

1961

Curriculum coordinator
Helping teacher in language arts
Elementary school librarian
Assistant junior high principal
Part-time assistance in senior high guidance

1962

Part-time art teacher for elementary schools
Part-time nurse for St. John's Parochial School

1963

Staff leaders appointed to coordinate program, grades 7 - 12 in English and modern foreign languages
An additional vocal music instructor at elementary level

The school is justifiably proud of the recently completed elementary library located in the addition to the Cumru School. A unique facility for elementary schools, it is supervised by a full-time, qualified librarian. It is through her work in organizing the materials that the 33,400 volumes are made available to the pupils in both the central library and the individual classroom libraries. The addition of this service has greatly increased the interest in reading among our younger children.

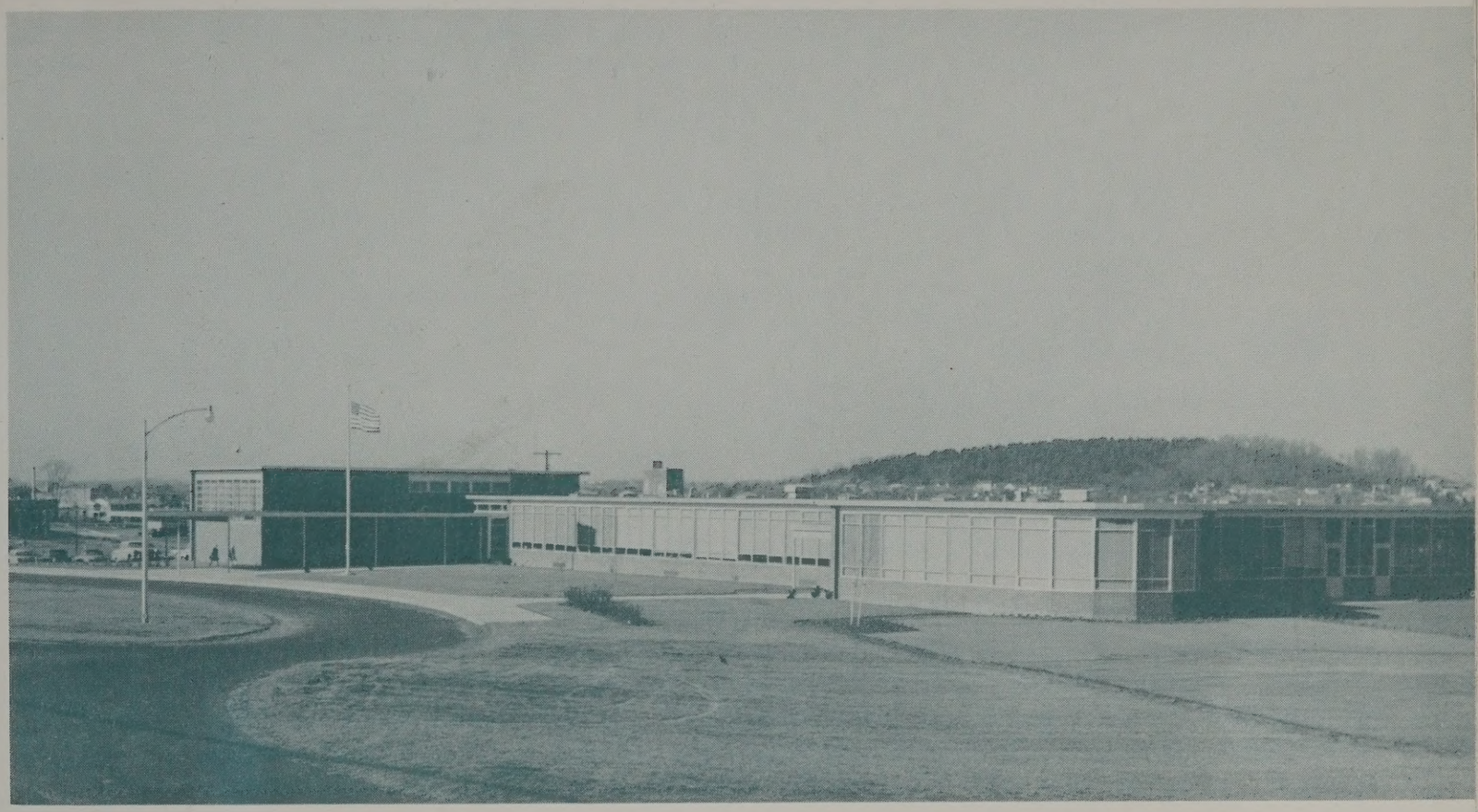
BUILDING FACILITIES

More than five million dollars has been expended on renovations and new buildings since the inception of the jointure.

1954 Acquired Cumru building site

1956 Brecknock school

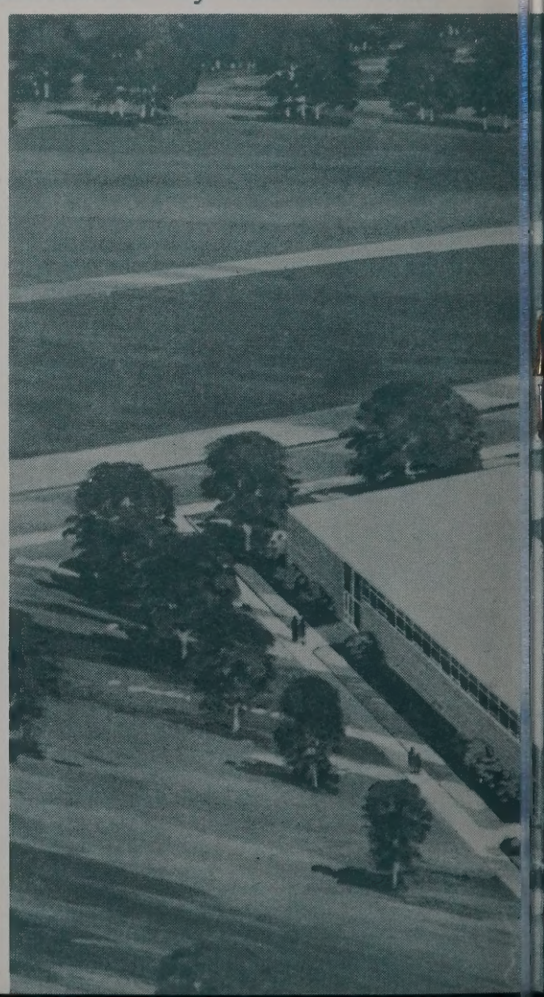
Located on a site readily accessible from all parts of the Brecknock area, the Brecknock Elementary School was constructed to house 230 pupils. Built and equipped at a cost of $350,000, this building has been occupied since 1956. Many special areas have provided a greatly enriched educational program for the pupils.



The second elementary building program resulted in the construction of the Cumru School. Originally constructed at a cost of $506,000, to accommodate 360 pupils, and occupied in 1957, this building soon became overcrowded. A substantial addition to this building was completed in 1962, increasing the capacity to 750 pupils, at a cost of $390,000.

The construction of new elementary centers made it practical to eliminate the use of the one-room school houses in the area, such as the Union School in Brecknock Township.

Located at the center of pupil population, the new senior high school was dedicated in 1958 to the service of pupils in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades of our school. Built to accommodate 800 pupils, at a cost of $2,080,000, this building was carefully designed to be functional as well as beautiful. Ours is a comprehensive high school, providing a superior educational program for all children. The school is accredited by the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Enrollment now of nearly 1000 pupils has created the need for an expansion program, which is now in progress to increase the capacity to more than 1200 pupils.



1957

Cumru school
Senior high school
Curriculum center and offices for elementary schools
Former Mohnton School renovated and converted for use as elementary school

1961 Renovations and addition to junior high

1962 Addition to Cumru school

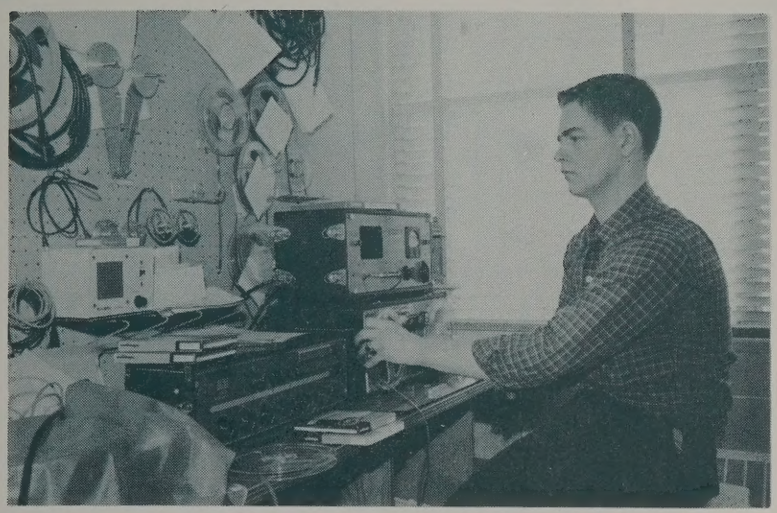
1963 Planning stage - senior high addition and renovations
Planning stage - Education Center
Planning stage - better utilization of athletic and recreational areas

The original Shillington High School was converted to a junior high school building upon the completion of the new senior high school. Enrollment demanded that this facility be enlarged, and the completely renovated and expanded building was occupied in September 1962. This building now has a capacity of 1010 pupils. Cost of the renovation, new addition, and equipment, totalled $1,655,000.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

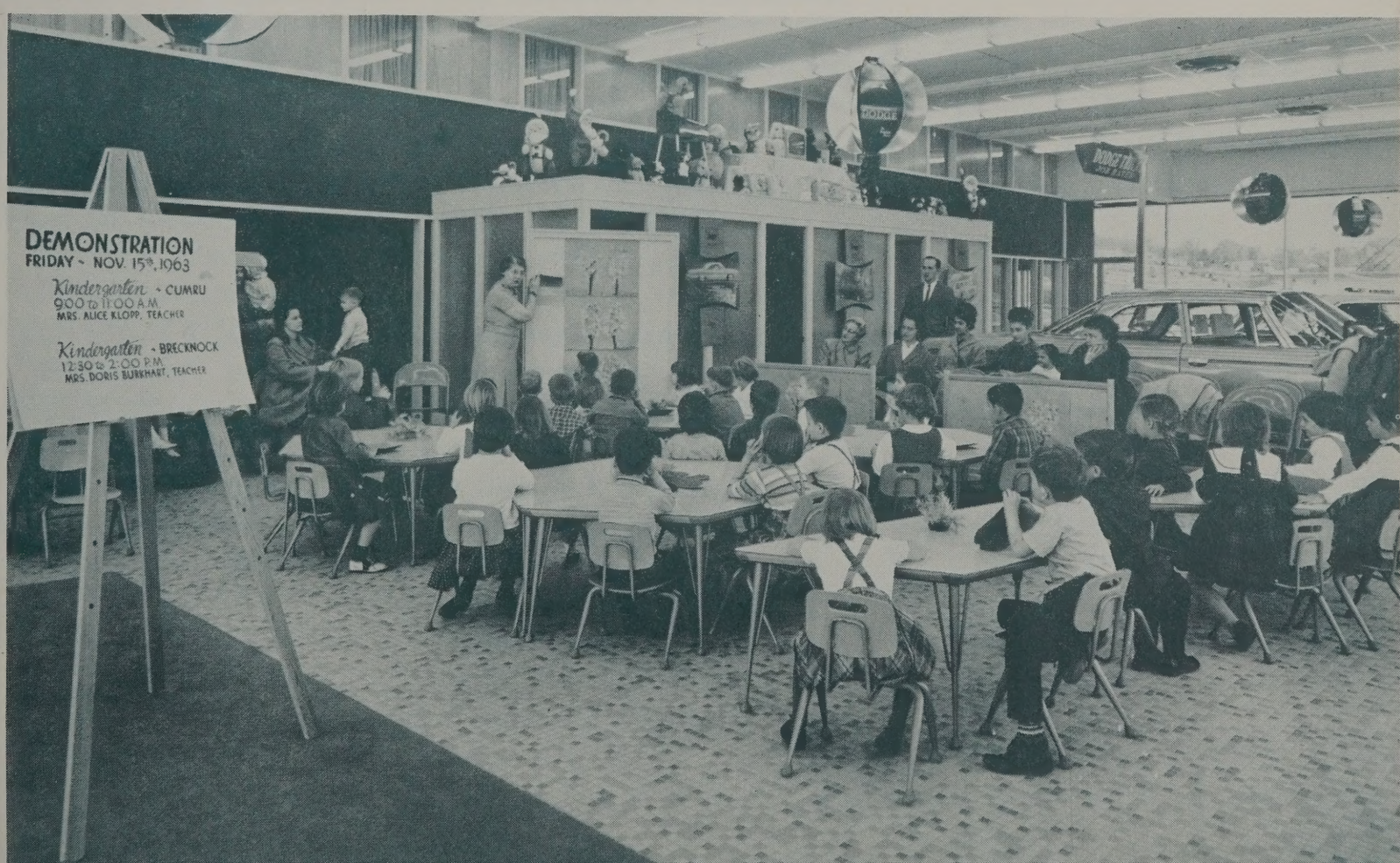
It has been the goal of the administrators to work with the citizens of the area in planning the type of educational program needed by our children. We used many media to keep our citizens well informed. The Governor Mifflin League for Better Schools evolved into the Governor Mifflin Area Council of Parent Teacher Associations. This group sponsored the appearance of a distinguished counselor, Mrs. Bithia J. Whitney. She is shown being greeted by Mrs. W. Richard Eshelman, Area Council president, Mr. George F. Briner, joint school board president, and Mr. H. L. Hendricks.

1953	Governor Mifflin League for Better Schools Mustang Parade
1954	News Letter and Calendar Unified award system
1959	Governor Mifflin Area Council of PTA's Classes under glass Towne Meetings
1961	Action in Education Award (Better Homes and Gardens) Governor Mifflin joins Berks County Schools Broadcast



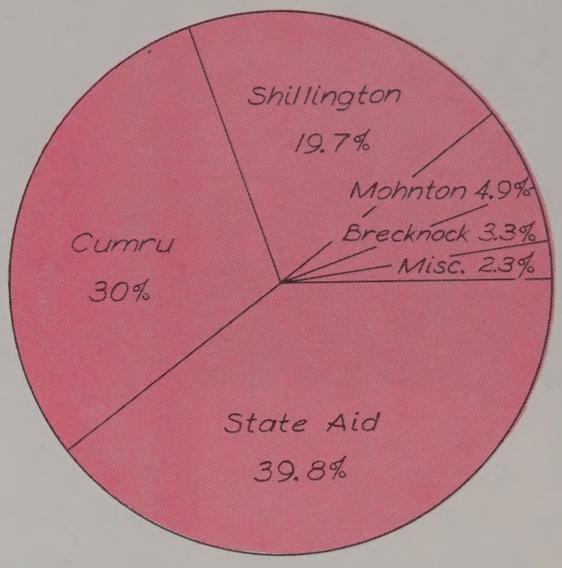
The Governor Mifflin Joint Schools have produced a series of weekly radio broadcasts with the cooperation of Station WEEU, Reading. We are the only county school system to have such a public relations medium, and over the ten year period have recorded more than nine miles of tape for these informative programs.

American Education Week has been observed in various ways by our schools, among them by conducting "Classes under Glass." Those patrons unable to come to the schools were able to witness actual classes in operation in the windows of local business establishments.



STATISTICS

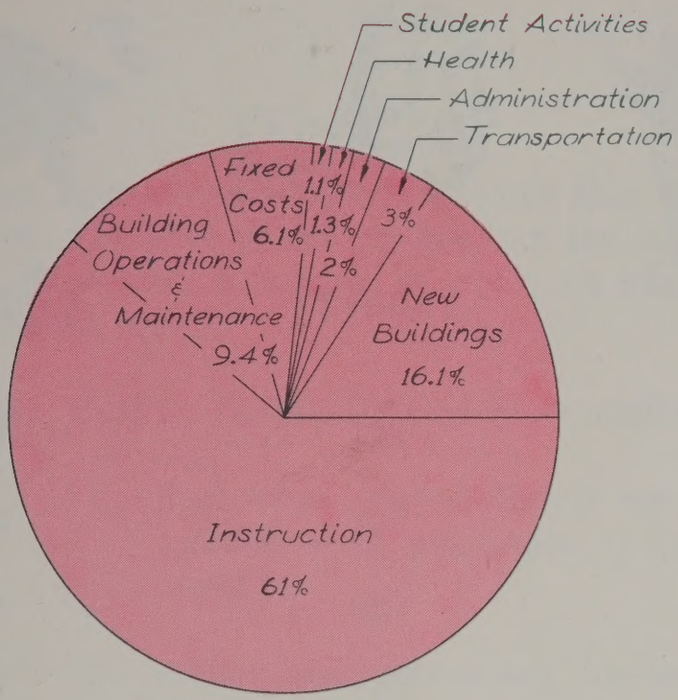
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



Receipts to cover the expenses of $1,943,242 came from the following sources:

State Aid	$772,871	39.8%
*Miscellaneous Receipts	43,200	2.3%
Brecknock (local taxes)	64,209	3.3%
Cumru (local taxes)	584,474	30%
Mohnton (local taxes)	95,601	4.9%
Shillington (local taxes)	382,887	19.7%

*Miscellaneous Receipts Earning - interest from investments	$13,044
Summer School and Adult Education	1,971
Rental of Facilities	4,035
Repayments from Authority	17,828
Sale of materials, etc.	4,457
Tuition	1,865



WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT

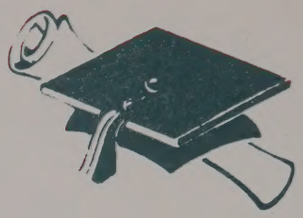
For the school year 1962-63 expenses to operate the school system totaled $1,943,242. This money was expended as follows:

ADMINISTRATION (secretary, treasurer, administrators, legal services, payroll costs, etc.)	$ 39,889	2%
INSTRUCTIONAL (teachers, supplies, books, clerical staff, adult ed., summer school)	1,181,478	61%
HEALTH AND ATTENDANCE SERVICES (nurses, doctors, dentists, attendance officer, dental hygienist, supplies)	25,459	1.3%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (drivers, gas, oil, insurance, maintenance, replacement, etc.)	57,432	3%
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (custodians, fuel, electricity, water, materials and supplies, equipment, repairs)	184,048	9.4%
FIXED CHARGES (retirement fund, social security, insurance, rentals)	119,408	6.1%
STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES, FOOD SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (athletics, recreation, cafeteria dietician, tuition to other districts)	21,255	1.1%
CAPITAL OUTLAY (new sites, new buildings, new equipment)	314,273	16.1%

POPULATION

STUDENTS

FACULTY



GRADUATES

1953-54	2969	111	126
1954-55	3121	117	172
1955-56	3219	123	144
1956-57	3284	121	150
1957-58	3443	148	158
1958-59	3581	157	201
1959-60	3759	165	199
1960-61	3819	165	211
1961-62	3979	175	190
1962-63	4092	185	174
1963-64	4234	200	—

Based on the total expenditures for the year 1962-63 the following costs per pupil have been computed:

Average cost per pupil per year	$475.00
Average cost per pupil per month	53.00
Average cost per pupil per week	13.25
Average cost per pupil per school day	2.65

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

To record the highlights of the past ten years has been a comparatively easy task. To look ahead to predict the future developments is quite another matter. However, a number of evolving needs are apparent and some of these are indicated here:

A. STAFF, CURRICULUM AND SERVICE NEEDS:

1. Full time psychologist or guidance person for system with emphasis of time at the elementary level.

2. Honor and advanced placement courses at the senior high school level.

3. Coordination of health and physical education program——kindergarten to grade 12. Increase staff as required.

4. Reduce and keep class size to 25 - 30 per teacher. Add personnel as required.

5. An additional kindergarten.

6. Full time assistant principal for senior high school (part time at present).

7. Continued emphasis upon curriculum improvement.

B. BUILDING NEEDS:

1. Addition to the senior high school (plans nearly completed).

2. Administration headquarters and offices (Education Center plans nearly completed).

3. New site and building for Shillington Elementary School.

4. Additions to Brecknock, Gouglersville, and Farview Elementary buildings.

5. New site and building for elementary children of some areas in Cumru Township.

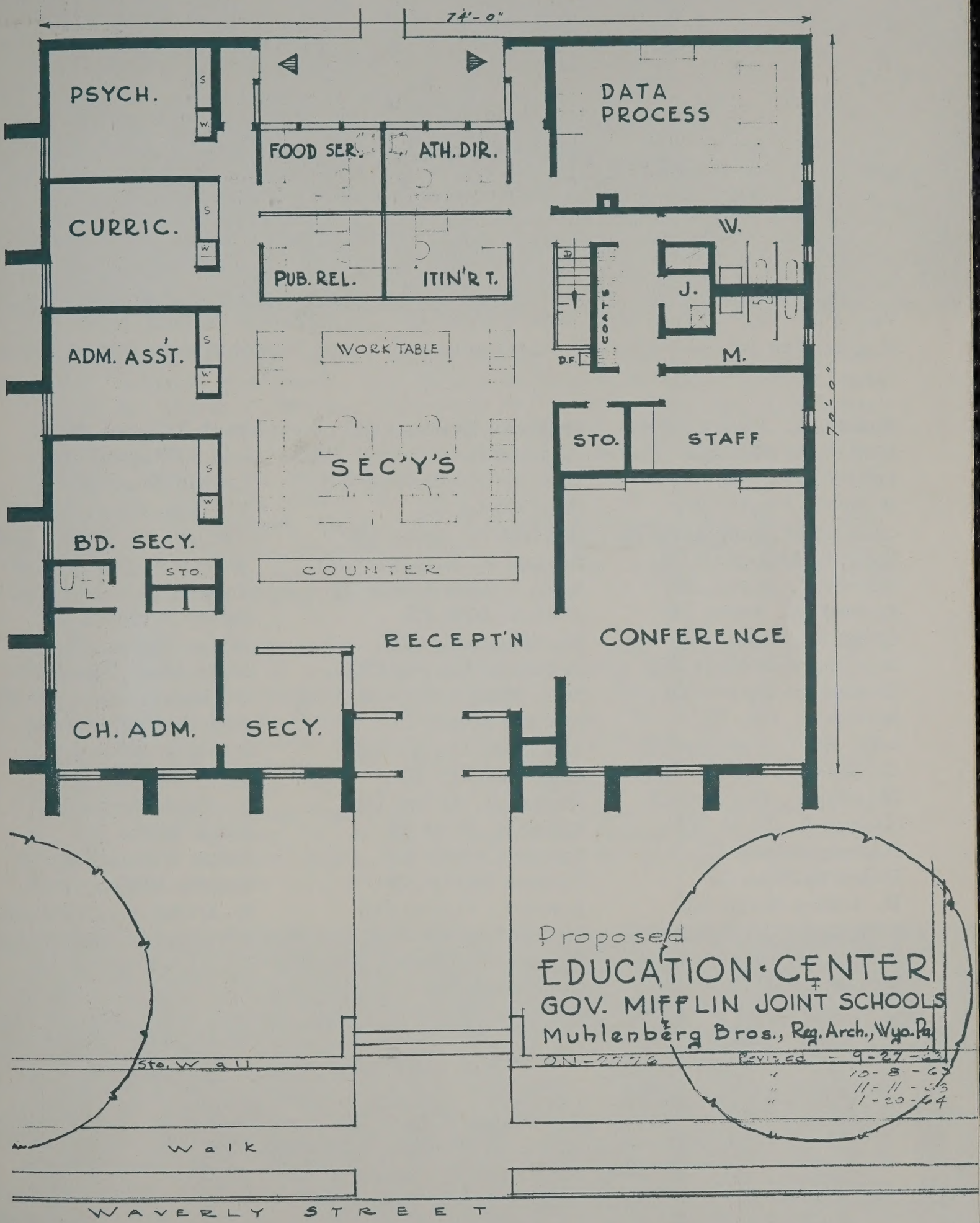
6. Consideration of mobile classrooms.

7. Improved layout and use of recreational and athletic facilities on junior - senior high school grounds.

Plans have been approved for the expansion of the senior high school building, and construction will begin in the spring of 1964. Modifications and additions include seven classrooms, one large group instruction area, one classroom which can be divided into two small instructional areas, one language laboratory, one chemistry classroom-laboratory, one physics classroom-laboratory, one drafting classroom, one auxiliary gymnasium, an enlarged library, enlarged cafeteria dining area, and receiving and storage area for supplies. Further modifications will be made for more effective use of existing areas. With the transfer of the central office staff to the new Education Center, the senior high will become a self contained building operation similar to all the other buildings in the system. Upon completion, pupil capacity will be increased to 1200.

The new offices for the administration of the jointure will be strategically located on the campus between the junior and senior high schools. Housed in this Education Center will be offices for the chief school administrator, his clerical staff, and members of the professional staff who serve the entire system.

The completion of these two projects will increase the value of the Governor Mifflin Schools' property to more than seven million dollars.



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TO OUR

CHIEF SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATOR

Looking back over the past ten years we cannot fail to recognize the outstanding leadership and dedication of Howard L. Hendricks, our chief administrator. Through his exceptional guidance and his awareness of the wishes of our citizens, the four separate districts have been unified into a jointure proudly offering equal opportunities for a well-rounded educational program for all children.

Looking ahead we have confidence, not only in his clarity of vision, but in his patience and perseverance in striving toward the achievement of still higher goals.

In appreciation of his devotion to every phase of our development as the Governor Mifflin Schools and community, we salute Mr. Hendricks, as together we look forward to the challenge of the future.

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